

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Jeff Essmann, on January 16, 2015 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 455
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jeff Essmann, Chair (R)
Rep. Bill Harris, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Casey Schreiner, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Bob Brown (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)
Rep. Art Wittich (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)
Rep. Debra Lamm (R)
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jennifer Petersen, Committee Secretary
Sheri Scurr, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 84, 1/7/2015; HB 96, 1/7/2015

00:00:01 Chair Essmann

HEARING ON HB 96

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:24 Rep. Ryan Osmundson (R), HD 30, opened the hearing on HB 96, Revise national guard reenlistment or extension incentives laws.

00:02:56 *Rep. Knudsen arrives*

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:36 Chair Essmann

00:04:41 Major General Matt Quinn, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

[EXHIBIT\(sth10a01\)](#)

00:07:58 Chair Essmann

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:20 Rep. Wittich

00:09:19 Major General Matt Quinn, DMA

00:10:00 Chair Essmann

Closing by Sponsor:

00:10:14 Rep. Osmundson

00:10:25 Chair Essmann

HEARING ON HB 84

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:11:00 Rep. Bryce Bennett (D), HD 91, opened the hearing on HB 84, Generally revise election laws.

00:11:10 *Rep. Garner arrives*

[EXHIBIT\(sth10a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth10a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:32:34 Chair Essmann

00:33:19 Sen. D. Brown

00:33:52 *Rep. Mandeville arrives*

00:35:14 Chair Essmann

00:35:29 Lisa Kimmet, Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)

00:37:32 Chair Essmann

00:37:41 Linda Stoll, Montana Association of Clerks and Records and Election Administrators (MACREA)

00:38:12 Chair Essmann

00:38:15 Elena Evans, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)

00:39:03 Chair Essmann
 00:39:11 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)
 00:41:24 Chair Essmann
 00:41:28 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
 00:43:37 Chair Essmann
 00:43:42 David Nielsen, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)
 00:44:32 Chair Essmann
 00:44:37 Denise Williams, Montana Association of School Business Officials (MASBO)
 00:45:08 Chair Essmann
 00:45:12 Ed Bartlett, Montana Community Colleges (MCC)
 00:48:09 Braden Fitzgerald, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)
 00:48:38 Mary Beveridge, self

EXHIBIT(sth10a04)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:53:12 Jonathan Motl, Commissioner of Political Practices (CPP)
 00:53:31 Nicole Thuotte, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:54:45 Rep. Wittich
 00:55:18 Bob Vogel, MTSBA
 00:56:11 Rep. Wittich
 00:57:48 Rep. B. Bennett
 00:59:05 Rep. Wittich
 01:00:25 Rep. B. Bennett
 01:02:41 Rep. Hayman
 01:03:25 Bob Vogel, MTSBA
 01:05:32 Chair Essmann
 01:05:42 Rep. Wittich
 01:06:25 Bob Vogel, MTSBA
 01:06:46 Rep. Essmann
 01:06:53 Bob Vogel, MTSBA
 01:07:01 Rep. Essmann
 01:07:38 Mary Beveridge, self
 01:07:54 Rep. Essmann
 01:07:59 Mary Beveridge, self
 01:08:08 Rep. Essmann

Closing by Sponsor:

01:08:34 Rep. B. Bennett

 01:11:48 Chair Essmann, Recess
 01:29:21 Chair Essmann, Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 125

01:30:05 **Motion:** Rep. Swanson moved that **HB 125 DO PASS.**

01:30:14 Chair Essmann

01:30:29 Rep. Swanson (*Rep. Garner arrives*)

01:31:20 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Lamm and Rep. Shaw voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 76

01:32:12 Chair Essmann

01:32:34 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 76 DO PASS.**

01:32:46 Chair Essmann

01:32:53 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 76 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(sth10a05)

01:33:13 Chair Essmann

01:33:45 Sheri Scurr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

01:37:04 Chair Essmann

Discussion:

01:37:09 Rep. Wittich

01:37:38 Chair Essmann

01:38:34 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Lamm and Rep. Shaw voted by proxy.

01:39:08 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 76 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:39:23 Rep. Wittich

01:40:29 Chair Essmann

01:41:04 Rep. Wittich

01:41:43 Rep. Schreiner

01:43:11 Rep. Harris

01:44:12 Chair Essmann

01:44:14 Rep. Wittich

01:45:02 Rep. B. Brown

01:46:16 Rep. McKamey

01:47:55 Rep. Garner

01:48:02 Chair Essmann

01:48:12 Rep. Garner

01:48:29 Chair Essmann

01:48:36 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Garner made a substitute motion **TO POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF THE ACTION UNTIL THE COMMITTEE'S NEXT EXECUTIVE ACTION.**

01:48:44 Chair Essmann

01:48:55 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Bennett, Rep. Funk, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Mandeville, Rep. Price, Rep. Schreiner, Rep. Swanson and Rep. Webber voting no. Rep. Lamm and Rep. Shaw voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 59

01:51:08 **Motion:** Rep. Schreiner moved that **HB 59 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:51:14 Chair Essmann
01:51:34 Rep. Schreiner
01:52:03 Chair Essmann
01:52:08 Rep. Garner
01:52:52 Rep. Mandeville
01:53:18 Chair Essmann
01:53:25 Rep. Wittich
01:54:24 Chair Essmann

01:54:37 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. B. Bennett made a substitute motion that **HB 59 BE TABLED.**

01:55:36 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Lamm and Rep. Shaw voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 18

01:56:18 **Motion:** Rep. B. Bennett moved that **HB 18 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:58:15 Chair Essmann
01:58:25 Rep. Harris
01:59:19 Chair Essmann
01:59:23 Rep. Garner
02:00:41 Rep. Greef
02:01:17 Rep. Schreiner
02:03:10 Chair Essmann
02:03:14 Rep. Funk
02:04:21 Rep. Karjala
02:05:14 Rep. Mandeville
02:05:55 Rep. B. Brown
02:07:45 Rep. Webber

02:08:26 Rep. Wittich
02:10:06 Rep. Funk
02:11:39 Chair Essmann

02:13:26 **Vote:** Motion failed 9-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Bennett, Rep. Funk, Rep. Greef, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Price, Rep. Schreiner, Rep. Swanson and Rep. Webber voting aye. Rep. Lamm and Rep. Shaw voted by proxy.

02:15:08 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Essmann moved that **HB 18 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 19-1 by voice vote with Rep. Bennett voting no. Rep. Lamm and Rep. Shaw voted by proxy. (*as corrected in the motion by Chair Essmann on February 4, 2015 at 00:01:46*)

02:15:45 Chair Essmann

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment:

02:17:28 adjourned

Jennifer Petersen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sth10aad.pdf](#))